

Profile of Family Forest Landowners in WA State

Data based on 2002 SFLO Statewide Survey

1. Type of Ownership (Q6)
 - a. 58.8% of family forestlands are individually owned
 - b. 24.5% are jointly owned
2. % who live on their forestland (Q7)
 - a. 45.3%
3. Second home or cabin on forestland?
 - a. 26.5%
4. Plans for the next five years:
 - a. Give property to children
 - i. 24.7%
 - b. Sell some or all of forestland
 - i. 21.1%
 - c. Subdivide and sell
 - i. 7.2%
 - d. Put in to land trust
 - i. 6.2%
5. Priorities for owning forestland (Q12)
 - a. Scenic/aesthetic beauty
 - i. 89.1 said medium to high priority
 - b. Protection of nature
 - i. 77.6% said medium to high priority
 - c. Land investment
 - i. 75% said medium to high priority
 - d. A legacy for children
 - i. 67.9% said medium to high priority
 - e. Production of timber
 - i. 55.7% said medium to high priority
 - f. Hunting and fishing
 - i. 27.9% said medium to high priority
 - g. Recreation other than hunting and fishing
 - i. 52.3% said medium to high priority
6. How long you or family have owned forestland (Q13)
 - a. 10-19 years: 17.6%
 - b. 20-49 years: 41.8%
 - c. 50+ years: 19.2%
7. Has real estate agent offered to purchase property for development (Q16)
 - a. 41.4% Yes
8. Interest in timber management (Q17)
 - a. 81.3% expressed some interest
9. Latest commercial harvest of timber (Q18)
 - a. 31.4% within last 5 years
10. Next commercial timber harvest (Q19)
 - a. 32.6% within next 10 years
11. Have written management plan for property (Q20)
 - a. 30.6%
12. Wildlife enhancements in the last 5 years (Q23):
 - a. Retained snags
 - i. 72.3%
 - b. Provided downed logs
 - i. 50.8%
 - c. Planted vegetation
 - i. 24.4%

- d. Thinned trees to create diversity of habitat
 - i. 36.2%
- 13. Resource management activities in past 5 years (Q24):
 - a. Planted trees
 - i. 49.5%
 - b. Thinned trees
 - i. 55.4%
 - c. Built or maintained roads
 - i. 57.3%
 - d. Harvested non-timber forest products
 - i. 19%
- 14. Familiarity with WA State Forest Practices Rules (Q28)
 - a. 69.6 are somewhat to very unfamiliar
- 15. Are the Rules...(Q29)
 - a. Too strict: 32%
 - b. About right: 14.7%
 - c. Unaware of rules: 26.4%
- 16. Familiarity with new Forests and Fish Rules (Q30)
 - a. 70% are somewhat to very unfamiliar
- 17. Do current rules restrict your ability to manage your forest as you wish (Q31)
 - a. 37.8% felt Rules somewhat to very much restricted management
 - b. 34.1% were unsure
- 18. Do current Rules limit your ability to earn a profit (Q32)
 - a. 34.8% felt rules somewhat to greatly limit profitability
 - b. 38.1% were unsure
- 19. Interest in developing an Alternate Plan that differs from Rules (Q33)
 - a. 57.7% Yes
- 20. Awareness of RMAPs requirements
 - a. 74.6% No
- 21. Types of water present on or bordering property (Q38)
 - a. Lake
 - i. 6.5%
 - b. Pond
 - i. 27.6
 - c. Spring
 - i. 45/2%
 - d. Wetland
 - i. 37%
 - e. Stream or river
 - i. 53.7%
 - 1. Type 1: 21.7%
 - 2. Type 2: 20.9%
 - 3. Type 3: 32.3%
 - 4. Type 4: 49.8%
 - 5. Type 5: 66.5%
- 22. Are fish present in any water body on your property
 - a. 56.0%
- 23. Are you concerned FFR will limit your ability to manage your riparian forests (Q42)
 - a. 63.2 are somewhat to greatly concerned
- 24. Have you heard of FREP (Q43)
 - a. 71.6% No
- 25. Willingness to work with others to protect T&E species (Q46)
 - a. 70.6% somewhat to strongly willing
- 26. We should focus of protecting eco-systems, rather than a single species
 - a. 87.3% somewhat to strongly agree
- 27. Have you ever used a federal cost-sharing program

- a. 82.1% No
- 28. Helpfulness of cost-sharing programs (Q55):
 - a. Road maintenance
 - i. 56.1% said somewhat to very helpful
- 29. How helpful (Q55):
 - a. Less restrictive buffer regulations would be (Q55):
 - i. 60.9% said somewhat to very helpful
 - b. Long-term forest practices permits
 - i. 67.8% said somewhat to very helpful
- 30. Age of forest landowner
 - a. 70.6% were 51+ years old
- 31. Employment
 - a. 38.7% were retired
- 32.